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COMMITTEE DELVING INTO MANSION BILLS

Attorney for Relator Attempts to Show Governor Made Contract in Such Way As to Edge in His Groceries—The Other Side Says it Was to Cut Down High Cost of Living.

Austin, Texas, March 9.—An effort made to show Governor Ferguson contracted with a grocer for "light, heat, water and incidentals," in order to obtain groceries for the executive mansion and evade the legislative appropriation bills, consumed the short session this morning. The defense brought out testimony purporting to show that the contract was made to cut down the high cost of living.

Postpone Extra Session.

Austin, Texas, March 9.—Governor Ferguson told the joint committee of the house and senate that if the legislature remained in session until about March 20th he will not call an extra session immediately, but will wait until April 25th.

STONE TO RETAIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP

Missouri Senator Declares He is Not Going to Resign—Says He Will Be Retained.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 9.—In view of reports that Senator Stone, because of his attitude on the armed neutrality issue, might not be retained as chairman of the foreign relations committee, the senator Thursday issued the following statement:

"I am not going to resign as chairman of the foreign relations committee and I am going to be retained in that chairmanship in the senate reorganization."

Stone's Defense Failed.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 9.—The lower house of the state legislature failed to act Thursday upon a resolution defending Senator William Joel Stone of Missouri, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, in his attitude toward the armed neutrality bill. Action upon two such resolutions was postponed until April 1 by a vote of 115 to 16. Plans of the legislative leaders call for an adjournment of the legislature before that time.

Vardaman Is Condemned.

Wiggins, Miss., March 9.—A petition is being circulated here condemning Senator Vardaman's act in not supporting the armed neutrality bill. The petition has been signed by practically all the citizens of the town.

CUBAN REBELLION HAS BEEN CRUSHED

Recapture of Santiago and Capture of General Gomez Mark Collapse of the Rebellion.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 9.—Official dispatches establish that the Cuban government has regained control of Santiago, the rebel stronghold. President Menocal has notified the United States that Governor Munoz, in command there, represents him and the Cuban government. The recapture of Santiago and the capture of the rebel leader, Gomez, and his staff, are regarded here as marking the collapse of the rebellion.

COUNT ZEPPELIN ON LONG FLIGHT

Great German Inventor of Air Dreadnaught Is Dead at the Age of Seventy-Nine.

(By Associated Press.)

London, March 9.—Count Zeppelin is dead, according to a dispatch from Berlin, received by Reuter's Telegram Company. According to Berlin telegrams transmitted by Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, Count Zeppelin died Thursday afternoon at Charlottenburg, near Berlin, from inflammation of the lungs.

Genève, March 8 (via Paris).—Count Zeppelin's death at Charlottenburg was due to pneumonia.

Count Ferdinand Zeppelin became famous at the age of 70 as the builder of the world's first practicable dirigible balloon. On his seventy-fifth birthday he navigated his twelfth airship to celebrate the occasion. But before he had achieved fame he had devoted a half century of his life, exhausted his personal fortune of \$750,000 and sacrificed a brilliant career as a German cavalry leader, in conquering the air.

Emperor William recently proclaimed Count Zeppelin to be "the greatest German of the twentieth century." As a token of appreciation he conferred upon him the exalted order of the Black Eagle, the highest honor in the emperor's power.

It was in the United States that Count Zeppelin made his first balloon ascension. It occurred while he was following General Carl Schurz in the war between the states as a military observer for the German army. A captive balloon in use for military observations by Union troops greatly interested the young German officer and he was taken up in it in 1863.

First to Cross French Line in 1871. Scion of a wealthy family of ancient lineage, Count Zeppelin was born in Constance, Baden, in 1838. As a youth he was trained for a soldier's career. He fought through the Austro-Prussian and the Franco-Prussian wars, and is said to have been the first German soldier to cross the frontier into France in the last named conflict. Serving in the German cavalry for three decades, he rose to a rank of general at the age of 42. He retired ten years later a distinguished soldier, to devote all his time to the problem of aeronautics.

WOULD HAVE WILSON CALL EXTRA SESSION

Resolution in Senate Requests President to Issue Call, So Important Measure May Be Enacted.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 9.—In a ten-minute session of the senate today, Senator McLean, Republican of Connecticut, introduced a resolution requesting the President to call a special session March 20 to enact a measure of vital importance to the nation. The resolution was not discussed.

MAY BE WAITING FOR AMERICANS

Armed Ship in Path of American Vessels From New York to Mediterranean Ports.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, March 9.—The presence of a vessel suspected of being a German raider in the sea lane traveled by ships between New York and Mediterranean ports, is reported by Captain Nicoll of the American steamer Suruga, arriving from Havre and the Azores. The suspected vessel was armed fore and aft.

TENDER GOVERNMENT SIXTY-TWO PLANTS

Manufacturers Will Place Plants at Disposal of the Government in Case of War.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, March 9.—The output of 62 plants will be placed at the disposal of the government in case of war by members of the Manufacturers' Association of America, by a resolution adopted by that organization.

LABOR FEDERATION AND PREPAREDNESS

Conference Called to Decide Part of Three Million Members Shall Take in the Matter.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 9.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor at a special meeting today discussed plans to be considered here Monday at the general labor conference to determine what part its three million members shall take in national preparedness.

ENJOYABLE HOP.

The members of the Kube Klub gave a hop last night at their hall above the D. D. White garage to members and a few friends. Like all the rest of the hops given by this club, it was greatly enjoyed by all present. The club will give an open house some time in the near future to its friends.

CUBA REQUESTED MARINES BE LANDED

American Troops Put Ashore to Prevent Loss of Life and Destruction of Property.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 9.—The official report to the state department of the landing of American marines and bluejackets said there had been no fighting in the city or suburbs up to midnight. Commander Belknap of the United States squadron, put the men ashore at the request of the civil governor, who said an attack on the city was impending, to prevent loss of life and the destruction of civilian property.

DEATH OF LITTLE BOY.

Little John Klimick, aged 6 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Klimick of Dime Box, Lee county, died yesterday at the Bryan hospital. The remains were shipped to Dime Box yesterday afternoon, where they were interred this morning.

ANOTHER PLOTTER IS IN CUSTODY

Captain Alfred Fritzen of the German Navy Placed Under Arrest of a Felony Charge.

(By Associated Press.)

Los Angeles, Cal., March 9.—Captain Alfred Fritzen, said to be a German naval officer, was arrested at Hartwood, near here, last night by a special agent of the department of justice and is being held at the city jail on suspicion of being guilty of a felony. The authorities said he was wanted in connection with the alleged plot to destroy Welland canal.

REPORTED VILLA TOOK DURANGO

Said to Be Marching on Torreon and Americans Leaving There, Fearing an Attack.

(By Associated Press.)

El Paso, Texas, March 9.—Villa partisans here claim that Villa has captured Durango City and is marching on Torreon. Another report says Americans are leaving Torreon, fearing another attack by Villa.

OUR AMBASSADOR AT TOKIO DEAD

George W. Guthrie of Pittsburgh Died at His Post in Japan Thursday Morning.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 9.—George W. Guthrie of Pittsburgh, American ambassador at Tokio, is dead. Word of the ambassador's death reached the state department Thursday from Tokio in a dispatch from the embassy.

Mr. Guthrie died Thursday, according to the dispatch. No details as to the cause of his death are yet available, but are expected at any time. He was appointed ambassador to Japan May 20, 1912.

Post Wheeler, secretary of the embassy at Tokio, informed the state department that Mr. Guthrie died at 3 p. m. Thursday (7 a. m. Eastern United States time) of apoplexy. Mrs. Guthrie is at Tokio with the ambassador.

GOVERNMENT SUIT COMMENCED TODAY

Suit to Dissolve the United States Steel Corporation Begun Today by the Supreme Court.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 9.—Hearing of the government's suit to dissolve the United States Steel Corporation began today before the supreme court. It is expected to last until the middle of next week.

A REMARKABLE HOG.

T. A. Thomas of Kurten was in the city yesterday and told the Eagle editor he did not propose that his brother, Jack, owner of the cow that was the mother of four calves in 17 months, should get ahead of him on the stock question. He reports that one of his girls, when ten months old, brought him 12 pigs. That a few days ago, six months later, she brought him 17 more, all fine, healthy fellows. This is a total of 29 pigs in six months by the same mother. Next!

SECRET WIRELESS WAS FOUND ON THE APPAM

Vessel Held Until Recently By Germans at Newport News, Was Found by the United States Officials to Contain a Secret Wireless Outfit—Could Get All Important Messages.

RULES OF SENATE WERE AMENDED

Two-Thirds of the Members Can Now Shut Off Debate and Force a Vote on Any Measure.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 9.—An amendment to the senate rules giving two-thirds of its members the power to prevent filibustering and limit debate was passed late Thursday by the senate.

The vote was 76 to 3. Senators La Follette, Gronna and Sherman voting against the change.

Criticized President's Charges. Washington, March 9.—The cloture amendment to the senate rules, approved by both Democratic and Republican caucuses, was taken up by the senate Thursday under unanimous consent.

Senator Martin majority leader, in asking unanimous consent, said he had no desire to shut off full debate. Senator Lodge, ranking Republican of the foreign relations committee, said he hoped there would be no objection.

Senator Sherman, one of the Republicans who voted against the rule, read a portion of President Wilson's statement on the failure of the armed neutrality bill, saying it would be useless to call a special session of Congress to pass that bill as, unless the senate rules were changed, a filibuster could be successfully maintained against it.

"That is not practically true," said Senator Sherman, adding that a "portion of the truth was deliberately omitted" from the President's statement.

The Congress of legislative business was not referred to in the President's statement, Senator Sherman said, and there was no question in his mind that the bill could be raised within 30 days if the President should call a special session.

Senator Sherman said he failed to see any reason to be "precipitate," and pointed to the sinking of the Lusitania nearly two years ago to show that the President had not been in a hurry to demand action.

Mr. Sherman declared he would vote for the armed ship bill and was prepared to vote for war, but said he hoped war could be avoided and declared himself in favor of "conscription every New York editor who is advocating war in his editorial columns."

Senator Sherman said he opposed the cloture rule.

Norris Will Fight Armed Ship Bill.

Senator Norris, Republican of Nebraska, said he expected to vote for the rule and only hesitated because he thought his vote might be misunderstood in view of his opposition to the armed neutrality bill. He said he would not hesitate to attempt to defeat it again.

"I wanted legislation if the armed ship bill could be amended," he said, "but I was opposed to giving the President the enormous power given in the senate bill."

Senator Norris reviewed the mass of legislation pending just before Congress adjourned.

"It sometimes looks as though all this legislation was piled up purposely that we might be forced to swallow the whole or be called filibusterers and traitors," he said, in

Norfolk, March 9.—It is reliably stated that when the United States took possession of the Appam, following the break with Germany, an elaborate secret wireless plant was found, by which all wireless messages sent in this section of the United States could be received.

The Appam is the British ship captured by a German raider and sent into an American port under charge of a prize crew. The vessel was recently awarded to the British in a suit brought in the courts of the United States.

WILSON DECIDES TO ACT ON ARMED NEUTRALITY

Washington, March 9.—President Wilson has decided to arm merchant ships under his constitutional authority, and has called a special session of Congress for April 10th.

Belgian Industries Stopped.

Amsterdam, March 9.—The Telegraaf says the German authorities have virtually stopped all industry in Belgium, the prohibition including all factoring that employ more than 12 workmen or using engines of more than 5 horse-power or consuming more than five tons of fuel monthly.

Americans Leave Germany.

London, March 9.—A Berlin dispatch says the Americans and other neutrals who were on board the captured steamer Tarrowdale left Germany yesterday.

GERMANS GET PASS-PORTS AS MEXICANS

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, March 9.—Of the 110 Mexican passports issued here in the last seven days, half are said to have been given to Germans.

ELEVATOR BURNS WITH BIG LOSS

(By Associated Press.) Detroit, March 9.—The loss is estimated at a million dollars when the Detroit Railroad and Elevator Company's big grain elevator burned today.

dorsement of the cloture rule was given by Senator Stone of Missouri, chairman of the foreign relations committee, who, however, expressed doubts as to its efficiency. He favored absolute cloture.

Senator Owen, another advocate of absolute cloture, said he would support the change.

During the debate Secretary Taft entered a gallery and remained to hear Senator Cummins of Iowa, one of the "willful men" named by the President, sharply criticize the executive.

Turning to the neutrality bill, Senator Cummins referred to it as the bill "empowering the President to make war at his own pleasure in the future."